

Draft minutes – Oct. 1 2015 Gen Ed Committee

Present: Voting members: S. Christofferson, C. Ohale, A. Wise, S. Buck, M. Germain, J. Jackson, E. Delgado-Norris. Ex-officio members: M. Suddeith, P. Cronce, S. Rowe

1. Chair's presentation of report to Faculty Senate in Sept.
 - a. S. Christofferson sent faculty senators the Gen Ed Committee's final report ahead of their September meeting. A vote of support was scheduled to be held, but the topic was tabled as not enough faculty senate members had read it. Shaila will return most likely this upcoming October meeting to address any of their questions during their discussion.
 - b. While at the faculty senate meeting, it was noted that several senators felt a university-wide meeting or informational forum or some venue to inform the campus community should be held. General agreement at Gen Ed committee table also.
 - c. Chair's plan to disseminate this information includes: a written summary of the committee's recommendations to be sent to all faculty and advisors
 - i. Shaila requested assistance from committee members to explain our process and answer questions from university members within home departments and at other committee meetings.
2. As today's meeting was scheduled during an all-college meeting of the College of Arts and Science, advice was sought regarding how to approach future overlapping all-college meetings – possibly the newer deans aren't aware of this committee's long-standing meeting schedule – is there a way to synchronize calendars across colleges or a friendly way to remind folks of our duties as a committee to ensure we are able to make quorum for decision-making purposes?
3. There will be a curriculum committee heads meeting being called by E. Arnott-Hill (academic affairs office) – the Gen Ed committee should send a representative; Shaila and Art Redman will attend to update that committee on our recent report/decisions.
4. Review and approval of minutes from Sept. 2015
 - a. J. Jackson motion to approve , 2nd by E. Delgado – 7 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstains, minutes approved
5. Curriculum action items
 - a. Conversation regarding programmatic exceptions to our updated Gen Ed requirements:
 - i. This committee recently recommended Math 1200 or any higher course in order to fulfill mathematics general education. A specific example of one program that is requesting an exception to this is College of Education – their program has MATH 1010 and 1020 as fulfilling their math requirements, but there is some concern these are not rigorous enough courses.
 - ii. A check of the IAI requirements reveals a somewhat confusing situation that may require some interpretation .
 - iii. This committee does not need to decide on this particular math issue immediately, as we will have the opportunity to review this application as it works its way through the proper approval channels.

1. A recommendation was made to the committee to review the IAI requirements for math – seems confusing and we might need to interpret. Steve Rowe will send the link to the relevant page
- b. UCCC brought an action to vote on and posed a larger question:
 1. When minor changes to the Gen Ed program are being proposed, do we want as a committee to empower the Gen Ed Chair to have quick signature power to resolve these minor, time-sensitive changes?
 - a. Today's example of this is the CHMT program change form 4 brought before the UCCC and now us. – the "change" is really only to correct a typo in the catalog and isn't fundamentally changing any requirements.
 - i. Discussion to be had regarding this topic at a later date.
 - b. Motion made to approve the CHMT program change 4 made by A. Wise, 2nd by Monique – unanimous approval.
6. Comments were made throughout the meeting that serious technology issues are persistent and problematic across campus. Printed catalogs, printed forms and websites (Cougar Connect and Banner) do not always have aligning requirements, typos cause confusion and advisors aren't always working with updated materials. These are larger institutional issues that are beyond the scope of this committee but will impact the implementation of any of this committee's recommendations.
7. Motion to adjourn by J. Jackson, 2nd by S. Buck at 1:37pm